POLAND'S PAYMENT PROSPECTS IN 1983

Poland will be able to meet only a small fraction of its obligations to creditors this year. Warsaw's projected net hard currency earnings of slightly more than \$1 billion will only cover payments due to banks under the 1981 and 1982 rescheduling agreements. Additional payments would be possible if the West extended new credits or if Poland was able to run a larger hard currency current account surplus. Hard Currency Receipts

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The law of December 29, 1982 on the Balance-of-Payments for 1983 projects that Poland will earn a hard currency trade surplus of \$700 million and a surplus of \$340 million on services other than interest. This total of \$1.04 billion represents the money Poland can generate on its own for payments to creditors this The Poles also expect to receive \$800 million in credits year. which, if realized, would increase payments capacity to \$1.84 billion.

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Polish data show a hard currency trade surplus of \$287 million in the first quarter, putting Warsaw ahead of its target. The data also show new medium- and long-term credits of \$145 million through March, down from \$249 million in fourth quarter 1982 and at a rate behind the plan for 1983. To this figure, however, should be added an estimated \$229 million in short-term credits drawn this year under the revolving credit facility of the 1982 rescheduling agreement with the banks. If

the banks agree to a similar arrangement this year, the Poles
could get another \$200-300 million in trade credits. In sum,
Poland now appears to have a good chance of meeting its planned
payments capacity, including that provided by creditors in the
form of new loans.
Debt Service Due to Creditors
Warsaw's obligations to creditors in 1983 total an estimated
\$16 billion, nearly half of which is owed to Paris Club
creditors. Principal and interest unpaid from last year and due
this year to the Paris Club are estimated at \$7.2 billion;
another \$418 million in 1982 arrears and 1983 payments is due
under the 1981 Paris Club rescheduling agreement.
Under original loan contracts, Poland this year owes Western
banks \$1.3 billion in medium- and long-term principal, \$1.2
billion in short-term debt, and \$848 million in interest. Poland
also owes more than \$646 million under the 1981 and 1982 bank
rescheduling agreements.
Finally, an estimated \$2.8 billion in principal and interest
is due this year to creditors that are not included in the Paris
Club or the Western bank group. Obligations to this group could
be much larger because presumably very little of the \$2.8 billion
due them in 1982 was paid or rescheduled.
Payments Capacity

In the past two years Poland has succeeded in meeting its obligations under the 1981 and 1982 bank rescheduling

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agreements. If Poland continues this pattern of payments, these obligations will absorb all of its projected payments capacity in 1983. The 1982 bank rescheduling agreement required that \$273 million in interest originally due in 1982 be paid in March, and interest due under the 1981 and 1982 bank agreements amounts to \$450 million. Another \$200 million in principal and other charges due under the 1982 bank agreement pushes the total above \$900 million, exhausting nearly all of the payments capacity of \$1.04 billion Warsaw projects it can earn. Additional payments available for creditors will be roughly equal to the amount of credits extended.

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POLAND: PAYMENTS DUE TO CREDITORS IN 1983 (Million US\$)

<u>Total</u>	\$16,030
Arrears from 1982 On unrescheduled obligations Paris Club Banks	7,264 7,046 4,200 0
Other Creditors On payments under rescheduling agreements Paris Club-1981 agreement	2,846 218 218
Under original loan contracts Paris Club Principal Interest Banks Principal Medium and long-term Short-term, net Interest Medium and long-term Short-term Other creditors Principal Interest	7,920 2,970 -1,825 1,145 2,111 1,263 -1,263 0 848 728 120 2,839 2,286 553
Under rescheduling agreements 1981 Paris Club agreementinterest 1981 bank agreementinterest 1982 bank agreement Interest on rescheduled amounts Deferred principal Restructuring fee Interest on overdue 1982 interest	846 200 228 418 222 117 15 64

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POLAND: PAYMENTS DUE TO CREDITORS

		<u>1982</u>	Comment	1983	Comment
<u>Total</u>		11,533		16,030	
Arre	ars from Previous years	573		7,264	
0	n unrescheduled obligations	<u>573</u>		7,046	
	Paris Club	173	Reduced to \$65 million by October	4,200 ³	Includes unpaid interest on 1981 Paris
					Club Agreement, plus obligations due last
					year on original loan contracts.
	Banks	400	Interest from 1981, paid by March	0	
1	Other Creditors			2,846	•
On Paym	ments under rescheduling				
	agreements	Ò	I	218	
	Paris Club-1981 agreement			218	
	Bank agreement			0	
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Under	original loan contracts	10,190		7,920	

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POLAND: PAYMENTS DUE TO CREDITORS (cont'd)

Paris Club	4,155	Western governments have refused	2,970	
		to reschedule		
Principal	2,573		1,8254	•
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Interest	1,582 ³	·	1,145	
Banks	3,189		2,111	
Principal	2,432		1,263	
Medium- and long-term	2,340	95% rescheduled until 1986-89,	1,263 ⁴	
		5% deferred until next year		
Short-term, net	92 ¹	Paid off during first half 1982.	0	Assumes that short debt will be rolled over,
	*			of which \$196 million extended in late
				1982 under -provision of interest recycling
	•	I		provision of the bank rescheduling agreement.
Interest	757		848	
Medium and long-term	577	Interest on unrescheduled medium and		
		long-term debt due Jan-Aug, paid by end	i-year.	
		Does not include 1981 interest paid in	1982.	

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		·	728	Includes \$273 million ² deferred from 1982, paid
				by 20 March 1983, and \$455 million ³ due in 1983
				on unrescheduled debt.
Short-term	180 ¹	Paid in full.	120 ³	
Other creditors	2,846	Payments data indicate no payments	2,839	
		were made.		
Principal	2,046		2,2864	
Socialist	479		641	
Arab central banks	94		27	
Brazi]	692		704	
Argentina	51		61	·
Firms	522		614	
Other	208	i	176	
Interest	8003		5533	
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Under rescheduling agreements	770		846	
1981 Paris Club agreement	288		200	
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Interest	288	\$70 million paid. ¹	200 ³	
1981 bank agreement	438	Paid in full	228	
Interest on rescheduled	207	Payments are completed.	228 ³	
amounts (at LIBOR + 175				
percentage points)				1
Deferred principal	1021	Final payment made in November		
Rescheduling fee	29	Paid in March 1982		
Interest due Apr-Jan on	100 ¹	Paid when due on 10 May 1982.		
rescheduled amounts				
1982 bank agreement	44		418	
Interest on rescheduled			2223	Payments current.
amounts (at LIBOR + 175)				
Deferred principal			117	Half is due 20 Aug., half on 20 Nov.
Restructuring fee	7	Due on signing	15	Due 15 April
1	•			
["Gap interest" - interest	37	Due on 20 December	643	Payments apparently made on schedule on
on overdue 1982 interest				20 March and 15 April.
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